

TO : CIA Task Force
 FROM : The Review Staff, DP Gregg
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A conversation with Aaron Donner of the HSC Staff, late in the day on 12 January, indicates that we may be getting a crack at the HSC draft report, perhaps by Thursday or Friday. The Staff is currently engaged in a frenetic series of re-writes, in an attempt to have a draft ready for Chairman Pike, when he comes back to Washington on 14 January. (Pike saw an earlier draft over the Holidays.)

I asked Donner how tight our time frame would be, once the report is sent to us for technical review. He replied, with a straight face "We'll give you at least 24 hours." It is more likely that we will have 48 hours, or over this week-end, but in any case, we will be under considerable time pressure.


Once the HSC tells us that their report is available, it will be picked up immediately, copied, and hand-carried to all Task Force members so that the substantive review process can begin. The Review Staff has been told by Searle Field that the HSC report will have three sections, a tight text and more detailed foot-notes. (See Review Staff 76/02, 2 January, for more detail on the report.) The second section of the report- The Investigative Record- will have three parts- costs, risks and value received. An HSC staffer reports that the part on risks has been completed. It has 300 double-spaced pages of text, and twice that amount of foot-notes. He says that all names of people and countries have been removed from both text and foot-notes, but that it is easy to determine what places are being referred to in the report when its text is compared with recent leaks in the press. The staffer says that other parts of the report are even longer ~~than~~ than the portion dealing with risks. The staffer cannot estimate the total length of the report, but he says the

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writing process is being accomplished under great time pressures, and that it is not as thoughtful a process as he had hoped it would be. This staffer says that the Agency "comes out pretty well" in the report, which states flatly that CIA has not been out of control, and has in fact been totally responsive to the President and Dr. Kissinger.

This is to alert the Task Force that a period (short and intensive) of review lies in the near future. To aid in that process, attached hereto is a paper on principles and standards which should be used in reviewing the HSC final report.


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